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## THE VIRGINIA POLL TAX.

At no time since its adoption has the poll tax provision of the State constitution received the unanimous commendation of the Virginia electorate.

This section of the organic law has been assailed from two widely separated subdivisions. It has never been popular with the heeler possessed of the power to herd a number of "manhood suffrage" voters to the polls at the behest of a boss. Not that the necessary monetary outlay was minded, but political fortunes are so uncertain, the politician of this day and time hesitates to put out his ducks far in advance of the time when returns from the investment may be expected.

Prior to a recent decision of the Supreme Court interpreting the clause of the provision relating to "personal payment" of the poll tax, some of those who favor such restrictions as would eliminate the purchaseable and improperly influenced voters from participation in elections and primaries, condemned the poll tax law because of the ease with which its evident purpose was being evaded. In some localities payment in person was construed quite liberally. It has been charged that in some cities, and perhaps in country districts, bureaus have been established at the expense of candidates for elective offices in Virginia wherefrom funds were forthcoming to pay the poll taxes by check or order in behalf of such "citizens" as were willing to bind themselves to "vote right" on primary day.

This class of suffragists could not be entrusted with the cash to "personally" pay for the privilege of voting. But the construction of the law laid down by the courts removes the cause for dissatisfaction on the part of the last mentioned contingent.

Hereafter if a prospective voter be financed in the interest of any particular candidate, the financier must incur whatever risk attaches to the uncertainty as to whether the party of the second part will faithfully carry out his obligation. Granting that the present Virginia poll tax law may not be perfect in all respects, unquestionably it is today a stronger power for the public good than it was a year ago.

It is a curious fact that no noticeable agitation for its repeal began until after it became apparent that to become eligible as a voter, a citizen must appear in person and with his own money discharge the obligation imposed upon him by the constitution.

With a lenient reservation in behalf of the man who may honestly forget to do his duty, the Daily Press concurs in the sentiments expressed by the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot in the following paragraph:

"When it shall have been finally settled how the poll tax of intending voters shall be paid, it is our deliberate judgment—anybody and everybody to the contrary notwithstanding—that the citizen who does not pay the tax, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, ought to be disfranchised. His interest in

the government is not sufficient to ensure rightful use of the privilege of suffrage."

## NO RELIEF IN SIGHT.

The extra session of the Sixty-first Congress will enact no tariff legislation resulting in a substantial scaling down of prohibitive schedules. Such changes as are made will be of the variety called "revising upward." Possibly there may be reductions, but the articles affected will be found in the list of commodities in the production of which this country already enjoys an absolute monopoly.

This much may be gathered from the results, or non-results, of the past few weeks sessions of the so-called tariff revision subcommittee of the House committee on ways and means at Washington.

Probably this body owes its being to the foreknowledge of Speaker Cannon that it would sit without power to extract information from voluntary deponents which would prove fatal to his stand-pat policy.

Be that as it may, however, it is a fact that the Democratic members of the committee have displayed very little more zeal than have the Republicans in getting at facts to support the Democratic platform contention that the present tariff rates are unreasonable and exorbitant.

No hungrier supplicants for further increases in already prohibitive schedules have appeared from any section of the country than those from the South. Florida growers are ambitious to exact still greater profits from consumers of citrus fruits; the yarn spinners' trust, which has the American field all to itself as matters now stand, clamors for the privilege of raising the price upon yarns to a still higher figure; the North Carolina Pine Association, with headquarters at Norfolk is not in competition with any foreign lumber product under the prevailing tariff rate, but would be glad to secure an increase which would allow an additional margin for extortion. North Carolina desires further protection for barytes, the flour adulterant, and doubtless Norfolk county, as in years gone by, will send a delegation to Washington to see that Nova Scotia fish potatoes shall have no place upon American dinner tables.

Of course it is natural that each locality should look out for its own particular industries or enterprises. However, this local patriotic duty would seem to have been well performed with the banishment of competition upon equal grounds with foreign countries. But where lies the necessity for giving increased power to the manufacturers to mulct the people at home under the guise of further provisions for excluding the foreign competitor who already is excluded?

## AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND.

The burden of government falling upon an incoming President must be eased by finding his cabinet selected and his policies mapped out for his entire term, free of charge, by an intelligent, disinterested and obliging press. The new President cannot have failed to note the valuable advice tendered him as to whom to appoint, what to do, and how to do it.

It is not to be supposed that the Post would forego the high privilege of sharing in the task of lightning Mr. Taft's burdens. This privilege is made more pleasant by the conviction that the President-elect welcomes all suggestions from the press and profits by many of them. Now, if Ambassador Reid does not intend to remain at the Court of St. James, where he has given invaluable service by reason of his personal character and aptness for diplomacy, The Post begs to suggest that President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard, would admirably fill the post.

From the time of Edward Everett, who was also president of Harvard, our envoys to England have been selected from among our most distinguished citizens, notable in character and achievement, both in the higher walks of literature and public service. Ambassador Reid is such a man, and if he can be induced to remain at his post no happier colleague of the question could be found. If, however, he should decide to withdraw, the successor would be universally applauded.

The qualifications of President Eliot need not be recounted. They are known of all men. He is in full possession of his keen and ripened powers and unimpaired bodily vigor. His vast experience in executive and public affairs, his sound judgment, his catholic spirit, and his rare culture fit him for the duties of ambassador to Great Britain to a degree approached by very few Americans.

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## MINING EXPERTS MAKE TESTS OF EXPLOSIVES

Also Try Out Safety Appliances Designed to Protect Men Underground from Noxious Gases.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 4.—Coal operators, mine owners, engineers, practical miners, scientists and national and State officials all here for the meeting of the American Mining Congress, yesterday participated in the formal dedication of the Federal government's laboratory and testing station recently established in this city.

A series of tests in an artificial mine, in which conditions of real danger are produced so far as possible showing results from various explosives and from so-called safety agencies, was the most interesting feature of the ceremony.

Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, officiated. There were also addresses by John Mitchell, former head of the miners' organization and by operators and others, all commending the purposes and achievements of the testing station.

## Tests in Artificial Mine.

The tests were made at the artificial mine. The first test was with safety powder, dry fire clay and bituminous coal dust, the latter placed on shelves representing ledges in real mines. The powder was ignited for the blast and did not explode the dust.

There was a terrific explosion during the fourth test, when 11 pounds of black powder and 20 pounds of "road dust" (actual mine dust) were used. The recoil was strong and the flames covered the full length of the artificial mine. The test proved the combination to be exceedingly dangerous.

At this point experts of the station entered wearing Grazer oxygen apparatus including metal and glass hoods, chemical chamber and air bag, designed to render breathing normal or nearly so, while the operator is surrounded by the most deadly gases and vapors.

## Immune to Gases.

The men hurried into the gallery still filled with the fumes of the explosion and apparently were not affected by any of the gases.

This device is designed particularly for rescue work and was used with good results at Marianna.

A plea for the conservation of the nation's natural resources above as well as below the surface was the keynote of the annual address of Hon. J. H. Richards, president of the American Mining Congress which was delivered at tonight's session at the Hotel Schenley.

## Great Waste Going On.

"Great waste is going on," said President Richards, "a small percentage of the effective use of coal is obtained; millions of tons have been wasted through false mining methods, and other agencies."

"We have largely prospered in the past by a wasteful use of natural bounties, and this has begotten wasteful tendencies in all phases of human effort. Scientific and intelligent development should displace the accidental wasteful process heretofore in vogue. The products of agriculture may be renewed, the products of the mine, never."

One of the most important actions was the introduction of a resolution providing for a tax of one-half cent a ton on all coal mined to provide for pensions and other relief in mine accidents.

## One of the World's Wonders

The "Taj Mahal" at Agra, India, is a mausoleum built by Shah Jehan to his favorite sultana, Mumtaz Mahal. It is of white marble and is said to be the most beautiful structure in the world.

## Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point

**J. P. MOORE IS GIVEN \$800 VERDICT**

Famous \$10,000 Damane Suit Ended In York County Yesterday With Verdict for Plaintiff.

In the York County Circuit Court yesterday the jury in the case of James P. Moore against William M. Moore, an action for \$10,000 damages, returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff the sum of \$800. Mr. William Moore circulated scandalous reports about the young woman, Mr. Moore, according to the bill of the plaintiff, claimed to have performed the "Tom, the Peepers Act," while a young man was visiting Miss Moore in the home of her father, and then circulated stories damaging to Miss Moore's reputation.

When the reports got to the ear of the young girl's father an action for \$10,000 damages was started and the case has attracted widespread attention throughout York county. The trial started Wednesday Judge Tyler excluded the spectators from the courtroom during the hearing. William Moore, it is said, reiterated on the witness stand the story told about what he saw between Miss Moore and a young man named Ringers, but the plaintiff put the reputation of the defendant in evidence.

After the jury, which was from upper James City county, had given its verdict, Colonel Marcus J. Jones, of Newport News, who represented the defendant, asked Judge Tyler to set the verdict aside and in the event that the court refused to do so, the case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Mr. Barthele A. Lewis, former commonwealth's attorney of Elizabeth City county, assisted by Mr. Roland D. Cook, of Hampton, conducted the case for the plaintiff.

Miss Moore's friends contend that the finding of the jury completely vindicates her of the charges made by William Moore, who is her uncle.

## HAMPTON AERIE OF EAGLES ELECTED OFFICERS FOR TERM

Mr. William E. Lancer, of Phoebus, Chosen the Worthy President Last Night.

Hampton Aerie, No. 674, Improved and Benevolent Order of Eagles, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term, beginning January first:

Worthy president—Mr. William E. Lancer.  
Worthy vice-president—Mr. J. J. Johnson.  
Worthy physician—Dr. W. H. Howard.  
Worthy secretary—Mr. Frank H. Walker.  
Worthy treasurer—Mr. F. W. Moore.  
Worthy chaplain—Mr. E. A. Loney.  
Worthy inside guard—Mr. Arthur Evans.  
Worthy outside guard—Mr. John Boyhan.  
Worthy trustee—Messrs. E. O. Hunt, B. Oakley and Casper Bein.  
One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the order.

## WEST END HOSE COMPANY TAKES THE FIRST GAME

Defeated the Hampton Fire Department at Basketball in Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Last Night.

The basketball seven of the West End Hose company demonstrated its superiority over the seven of the Hampton Fire Department in a fast game in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium last night. It was the first of a series of three games and the West Enders thoroughly outplayed the team of the regular department. The final score was 18 to 8. Thomas Sheehan was the captain of the victorious seven and Floyd Taylor captained the Hampton Fire Department.

## MR. CARPENTER COMING.

Superintendent of the Sunday School Work to Visit Church.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter, superintendent of the Sunday school work in the Southern Synod, will visit Hampton next week and will make addresses before the Presbyterians of Hampton and Phoebus Tuesday night and in Hampton on Wednesday evening. He talks on his special work and the general public is invited to hear him.

Rev. W. W. Grover, a theological student of Richmond, will preach to the congregation of the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and evening.

Dr. Jones' Special Sermon. In the Hampton Baptist church tomorrow evening, Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, D. D., the pastor, will begin a series of sermons on "Christian Citizenship," taking as his first subject, "The Kingdom of God—the Practical Things."

Congressman Mudd Leaves. Congressman Sidney E. Mudd, of Maryland, after a stay of several days at Hotel Chamberlain Old Point, left yesterday for Washington.

Will Sell Old Fire Engine. The authorities in the village of Hovevett, Flintshire, England, have decided to sell an old fire engine which they possess, and it is probably the oldest one in the kingdom.

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## MAX FREEMAN ARRESTED ON HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE

Negro With Bad Police Record, Accused of Having Broken into Ruben's Shoe Shop.

Charged with having broken into the shoe shop of Joe Ruben, a dealer and dough shoe-maker in West Queen street, Max Freeman, a negro with an unsavory police reputation, was arrested yesterday at noon by Officer Henry Curtis. Ruben's shop was broken into from the rear during the early hours of yesterday morning and the officers believe that Freeman is the man who committed the crime. Several pairs of the alleged stolen shoes and a knife have been recovered from the boat on which Freeman works. Freeman has served six months in the county jail for house-breaking, and was arrested at one time on being suspected of arson. The man who entered Ruben's place got five pairs of shoes, a knife and several dollars in cash from the money drawer.

Wanted in Warwick. Officer Harry Simkins, of Phoebus, and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Curis, arrested William Fields, a negro, wanted in Warwick county, yesterday afternoon. Fields has several charges in answer, one of which is for deserting his family.

The "Ladies' Smoker." Quite a large number of ladies attended the "Ladies' Smoker" given in Greble Lodge room last night by the Council, No. 1248, Royal Arcanum. The evening was given to music and other interesting features and refreshments were served.

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10:30	11:00	11:45	12:00
12:00	12:30	1:15	1:30
1:30	2:00	2:45	3:00
2:30	3:00	3:45	4:00
4:30	5:00	5:45	6:00
6:30	7:00	7:45	8:00
8:00	8:30		

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